



# How to Register and Title Your Vehicle in Utah

## Utah State Tax Commission Division of Motor Vehicles

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## General Information

### What Vehicles Must Be Registered?

- cars
- trucks
- motorcycles
- off-highway vehicles
- snowmobiles
- watercraft
- trailers
- campers
- aircraft

Trailers weighing less than 750 pounds, when empty, are not required to be registered. However, any trailer may be registered for your convenience.

### Who Must Register Their Vehicles?

Utah residents must register any of the above vehicles for use in the state.

Nonresidents using their watercraft or off-highway vehicles in Utah for more than 14 days per year, must register in Utah.

Nonresidents using their snowmobiles in Utah pay an annual user fee to the Division of Parks and Recreation. Upon payment of the \$30 fee, a user receives a decal for display on the snowmobile.

For vehicle registration purposes, a resident is anyone who engages in a trade, profession, occupation or gainful employment in Utah for more than sixty days.

**Exceptions:** Nonresident students who pay nonresident tuition, certain military personnel, temporary workers and individuals temporarily in Utah engaged in public or charitable service may be exempt from registering vehicles in Utah.

## Where to Go and What to Bring

Bring to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the following for each vehicle:

- Most recent registration
- Utah safety inspection certificate, where required
- Utah gas or diesel emission certificate, where required
- Serial number (VIN) inspection, where required
- Title, if not held by lienholder

## Safety Inspection Certificates

Cars, trucks and on-highway motorcycles are required to be inspected prior to registration, as follows: Vehicles with model years **less than eight years old** need a safety inspection once every two years. Vehicles in this category having even-numbered model years must have safety inspections in even-numbered years, and vehicles having odd-numbered model years must have safety inspections in odd-numbered years. For example, a 2002 model year vehicle must have a safety inspection when it is registered in 2004. **Vehicles with model years eight years old and older must pass safety inspections every year.** Safety inspection is not required for non-commercial trailers, regardless of age.

Inspections are available at most service stations and are valid for two months.

For more information about Safety Inspections, call the Dept. of Public Safety at (801) 284-5540.

## Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Hull Identification Number (HIN)

Inspections of identification numbers are required for all vehicles or vessels to be titled in Utah. Safety and emission inspection certificates are acceptable means of verification for cars, trucks and motorcycles, providing that the VIN is accurate on the safety inspection certificate. Trailers, boats, off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles require separate VIN or HIN inspections which can be completed by a Utah peace officer, a qualified safety inspection station or a DMV employee. This inspection will be completed at any DMV office at no extra charge.

## Emission Certificates

As a prerequisite for registration, emission certificates are required in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber counties and are valid for two months. All 1968 or newer model gas-powered cars and trucks in these counties must have an emissions test, which can be completed at most service stations.

Effective July 1, 2003, emission certificates in Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber counties for gas-powered cars and trucks are required every other year for vehicles less than six years old. After the sixth year, emissions will be required for all vehicles unless exempted by specific county ordinance.

Farm trucks may apply for an exemption from emissions with their County Health Departments. For county emission requirements for diesels, or for additional information about emission tests and requirements, contact one of the following Environmental Health Offices:

- Davis County (801) 451-3296
- Salt Lake County (801) 313-6720
- Utah County (801) 343-4600
- Weber County (801) 399-8108

## First-time Registration

To register and title in Utah for the first time, an Application to Register/Title must be completed and required documentation provided.

All vehicles in Utah are subject to either an age-based uniform fee or a 1.5 percent uniform property assessment fee. The appropriate fee must be paid when you register your vehicle. For additional information regarding these fees, see Tax Commission Publication 23, *Motor Vehicle Property Assessment Fees*.

Plates and/or decals will be issued to you at the completion of your motor vehicle transaction. All plates are issued to the owner of the vehicle and should be removed and returned to a motor vehicle office if the vehicle is sold.

## Titles

### What Vehicles Must Be Titled?

- Cars
- Trucks
- Motorcycles
- Off-highway vehicles 1988 and newer
- Snowmobiles 1988 and newer
- Watercraft 1985 and newer
- Trailers 751 pounds or more unladen weight

### What Is Needed to Title a Vehicle?

- **Evidence of ownership**  
Documentation showing ownership and vehicle description. A Utah title or an out of state title can be provided as evidence of ownership.
- **Payment of sales/use tax**  
Sales and use tax is imposed on the purchase of a vehicle or watercraft and is calculated using the purchase price. Purchase price should be listed on the title being transferred or on a bill of sale.
- **Payment of motor vehicle title fee**  
Required title fee must be paid before a Utah title can be issued.
- **Vehicle Identification Number inspections**  
VIN number inspections are required on vehicles and watercraft that have been titled in other states and are being titled/registered for the first time in Utah.

- **Odometer statements**

When a vehicle ownership change takes place the mileage of the vehicle must be disclosed. Exceptions to this are when the vehicle has gross laden weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds, is ten years old or older, or sold directly by the manufacturer to any agency of the United States government.

- **Property tax clearance**

Property tax or age-based fees are paid at the time of vehicle or watercraft registration.

## Title/Registration Hints

- If an out-of-state lien holder or leasing company holds the title, the vehicle will be registered only. Current registration will be needed as evidence of ownership.
- Leased vehicles will need the leasing company's power of attorney, billing statement, Utah sales tax number, and current registration.
- Vehicles and personal watercraft are required to be insured.

## MV Office Locations by County

### BEAVER COUNTY

105 East Center, Beaver  
26 South 100 West, Milford

### BOX ELDER COUNTY

01 South Main (Courthouse), Brigham City

### CACHE COUNTY

179 North Main, Logan

### CARBON COUNTY

540 West Price River Drive, Price

### DAGGETT COUNTY

95 North 100 West, Manila

### DAVIS COUNTY

28 E. State (Courthouse), Farmington

### DUCHESNE COUNTY

734 North Center Street, Duchesne  
34 West 200 North 78-5, Roosevelt

### EMERY COUNTY

95 East Main, Castle Dale  
48 Farrer St., Green River

### GARFIELD COUNTY

55 South Main, Panguitch

### GRAND COUNTY

125 East Center, Moab

### IRON COUNTY

88 East Fidler's Canyon Rd., Cedar City  
68 South 100 East, Parowan

### JUAB COUNTY

160 North Main, Nephi

### KANE COUNTY

76 North Main, Kanab

### MILLARD COUNTY

50 South Main, Fillmore  
71 South 200 West, Delta

### MORGAN COUNTY

48 West Young St., Morgan

### PIUTE COUNTY

550 North Main, Junction

### RICH COUNTY

21 South Main, Randolph

### SAN JUAN COUNTY

117 South Main, Monticello

### SANPETE COUNTY

160 North Main, Manti

**SALT LAKE COUNTY**

380 West 2880 South, Salt Lake City  
10433 South Redwood Rd., South Jordan

**SEVIER COUNTY**

250 North Main, Richfield

**SUMMIT COUNTY**

60 North Main, Coalville  
6505 North Landmark Dr., Suite 400, Park City  
110 North Main, Kamas

**TOOELE COUNTY**

47 South Main, Tooele

**UINTAH COUNTY**

152 East 100 North, Vernal

**UTAH COUNTY**

150 East Center #1400, Provo

**WASATCH COUNTY**

25 North Main, Heber City

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

10 North 100 East, St. George

**WAYNE COUNTY**

18 South Main, Loa

**WEBER COUNTY**

2447 Lincoln Ave., Ogden

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